In the Claims:

1-82 (Cancelled)

83. (Currently Amended) An applicator device for applying a coating to an analytic plate, comprising:

a body, a reservoir within and integral to the body, and an applicator end ~~extending from the body~~, the reservoir containing a quantity of a transparent composition comprising a solvent and a siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof, and wherein the applicator end ~~is constructed of a material which is different from a material used to construct the body, and is able to apply a coating of~~ has an absorbent material on a portion thereof which contacts the analytic plate for applying the transparent composition upon the analytic plate by appressing the applicator end to the analytic plate such that there is no gap therebetween and wherein the transparent composition ~~which when dry~~ is substantially permanent and has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch and of at least a molecular layer.

84. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone or silicon fluid, or combination thereof is a liquid composition.

85. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the solvent of the composition comprises an acid.

86. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 85 wherein the acid is a mineral acid.

87. (Cancelled)

88. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the applicator device is a pen or is pen-like.

89-91 (Cancelled)

92. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the coating has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

93-94 (Cancelled)

95. (Currently Amended) An applicator device for applying a coating to an analytic plate, comprising:

a body, a reservoir within and integral to the body, and an applicator end extending from the body, the reservoir containing a quantity of a transparent, non-pigmented composition comprising a solvent and a siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof, and wherein the applicator end ~~is constructed of a material which is different from a material used to construct the body, and is able to apply a coating of~~ has an absorbent material on a portion thereof which contacts the analytic plate for applying the transparent, non-pigmented composition to the analytic plate by appressing the applicator end to the analytic plate such that there is no gap therebetween and wherein the transparent, non-pigmented composition ~~which when dry~~ is substantially permanent and has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch and of at least a molecular layer.

96. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof is a liquid composition.

97. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the solvent of the composition comprises an acid.

98. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 97 wherein the acid is a mineral acid.

99-100 (Cancelled)

101. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the applicator device is pen or pen-like.

102-103 (Cancelled)

104. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the coating has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

105-106 (Cancelled)

107. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the composition consists essentially of the siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof and the solvent.

108. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the ~~siloxane is a~~ polysiloxane is an alkyl polysiloxane.

109. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the composition consists essentially of the siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof and the solvent.

110. (Currently Amended) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the ~~siloxane is a~~ polysiloxane is an alkyl polysiloxane.

111. (Currently Amended) An applicator device for applying a coating to an analytic plate, comprising:

a body, a reservoir within and integral to the body, and an applicator end extending from the body, the reservoir containing a quantity of a transparent and colorless composition comprising a solvent and a siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof and wherein the applicator end ~~is constructed of a material which is different from a material used to construct the body, and is able to apply a coating of~~ has an absorbent material on a portion thereof which contacts the analytic plate for applying the transparent, colorless composition to

the analytic plate by appressing the applicator end to the analytic plate such that there is no gap therebetween and wherein the transparent and colorless composition ~~which when dry~~ is substantially permanent and has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch and of at least a molecular layer.

112. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof is a liquid composition.

113. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the solvent of the composition comprises an acid.

114. (Original) The applicator device of claim 113 wherein the acid is a mineral acid.

115. (Original) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the applicator device is a pen or is pen-like.

116. (Cancelled)

117. (Original) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the coating has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

118-119 (Cancelled)

120. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the composition consists essentially of the siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, silicon fluid or combination thereof and the solvent.

121. (Currently Amended) An applicator device for applying a coating to an analytic plate, comprising:

a body, a reservoir within and integral to the body, and an applicator end extending from the body, the reservoir containing a quantity of a transparent composition consisting essentially of a solvent and at least one of a siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, or silicon fluid and wherein the applicator end ~~is constructed of a material which is different from a material used to construct the body, and is able to apply a coating of~~ has an absorbent material on a portion thereof which contacts the analytic plate for applying the transparent composition to the analytic plate by appressing the applicator end to the analytic plate such that there is no

gap therebetween and wherein the transparent composition ~~which when dry~~ is substantially permanent and has a thickness of less than 0.0001 inch and of at least a molecular layer.

122. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the solvent and at least one of a siloxane, polysiloxane, silane, silicone, or silicon fluid is a liquid composition.

123. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the solvent of the composition comprises an acid.

124. (Original) The applicator device of claim 123 wherein the acid is a mineral acid.

125. (Original) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the composition is colorless.

126. (Cancelled)

127. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the applicator device is pen or pen-like.

128. (Original) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the coating has a thickness of less than 0.00001 inch.

129-131 (Cancelled)

132. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the applicator end is a brush, swab, rubber tip, or wiping device.

133. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the applicator end is a brush, swab, rubber tip, or wiping device.

134. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the applicator end is a brush, swab, rubber tip, or wiping device.

135. (Previously Presented) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the applicator end is a brush, swab, rubber tip, or wiping device.

136-183 (Cancelled)

184. (New) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the composition is colorless.

185. (New) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the permanent and transparent coating is invisible.

186. (New) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the composition is colorless.

187. (New) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the permanent and transparent coating is invisible.

188. (New) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the polysiloxane is an alkyl polysiloxane.

189. (New) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the permanent and transparent coating is invisible.

190. (New) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the polysiloxane is an alkyl polysiloxane.

191. (New) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the permanent and transparent coating is invisible.

192. (New) The applicator device of claim 83 wherein the composition is liquid repellent when dry.

193. (New) The applicator device of claim 95 wherein the composition is liquid repellent when dry.

194. (New) The applicator device of claim 111 wherein the composition is liquid repellent when dry.

195. (New) The applicator device of claim 121 wherein the composition is liquid repellent when dry.